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In re application of: Volker Zimmer

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For: Analytical Test Element with A Narrowed Capillary Channel

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-referenced application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 5 as follows:

2. (Amended) Analytical test element as claimed in claim [1, wherein] 15, wherein at least one of the surfaces forming the inner surface of the channel capable of capillary liquid transport is hydrophilized.
3. (Amended) Analytical test element as claimed in claim 2, [wherein] wherein the exposed surface opposite to the notch is hydrophilized.
5. (Amended) Analytical test element as claimed in claim [4, wherein] 2 wherein a layer of oxidized aluminium is used for the hydrophilization.